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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 17, 1999

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990119

To implement Extended Local Service  
from its Stephens City exchange to  
its Berryville exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On June 24, 1999, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposes to notify its Stephens City exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service to include the Berryville exchange. The application states that telephone customers in the Berryville exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Stephens City. Using a cost study prepared by BA-VA, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Berryville local service area to include Stephens City. Customers in the Berryville exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to Stephens City. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Stephens City to the Berryville exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed five (5) percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Stephens City customers, a poll is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered BA-VA's application, BA-VA's proposed notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that BA-VA should give notice to its customers in the Stephens City exchange of this application; and that those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990119.

(2) On or before October 15, 1999, BA-VA customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O.

Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC990119.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of BA-VA's application also shall be furnished by BA-VA's customer service center.

(4) On or before September 15, 1999, BA-VA shall publish the following notice in the Stephens City exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange.

NOTICE THAT BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.,  
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF  
THE STEPHENS CITY EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE THE  
BERRYVILLE EXCHANGE, CASE NO. PUC990119

Telephone customers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA"), Berryville exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to BA-VA's Stephens City exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 540-868, 869). Customers in the Berryville exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Stephens City exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Berryville exchange supported this expansion of local service.

Based on BA-VA's cost, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded

local service for Stephens City customers to call the Berryville exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 540-955). For expanded local calling to Berryville from Stephens City, monthly rates would increase as follows:

flat rate residential service, \$0.46;  
residential message rate service, \$0.08;  
residential measured rate service, \$0.08;  
residential economy service, \$0.05;  
residential exchange only service, \$0.39;  
business flat rate service, \$3.75; business  
message rate lines or trunks, -\$0.13  
(decrease); business measured rate lines or  
trunks, -\$0.13 (decrease); and flat rate PBX  
trunks, \$6.64.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222; businesses should call 954-6888. Copies of BA-VA's application may be obtained by contacting the Company's customer service center at the telephone numbers listed above, or it may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC990119, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before October 15, 1999.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within

the Stephens City exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

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(5) On or before October 15, 1999, BA-VA shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within the Stephens City exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

(7) On or before October 29, 1999, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the comments received.